



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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June 11, 2003

Jeffery Kitsembel
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
610 North Whitney Way
Madison, WI 53705

Re: Elm Road Generating Station, docket no. 05-CE-130

Dear Mr. Kitsembel:

In the next five months, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) will face several major decisions related to ensuring that the state will have adequate power supplies to meet its future needs in an environmentally safe and affordable manner. How your agency decides on the alternatives before it will have dramatic impacts on Wisconsin's energy and environmental profile for decades to come.

Specifically, your decisions on these matters will have various long-term ramifications to Wisconsin. These include:

- How much state residents will pay for electricity and transmission, both now and under potentially higher regulatory costs stemming from stricter rules on mercury or new limits on greenhouse gas emissions.
- How strongly the state is committed to viable wholesale competition in the power sector, which in turn, impacts the state's future ability to attract new investments in power generation.
- Finally, how new generation will either stifle or bolster economic development in many Wisconsin counties that already face or are poised to face challenges due to nonattainment of federal air quality standards.

We believe that Calpine's proposed power plants in Fond du Lac and Kaukauna should be included in the final mix of new sources of electricity that will be approved in this proceeding. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement indicates that the Calpine proposal is environmentally responsible and lower cost than proposed alternatives.

The plants would not create risks to ratepayers or the environment from new mercury emissions or high emissions of greenhouse gasses. NOx emissions would also be lower than under alternatives – a major benefit as many Wisconsin counties face possible new ozone nonattainment regulations.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important public policy decision. We are confident that both agencies will continue to review these alternatives in a fair, unbiased manner.

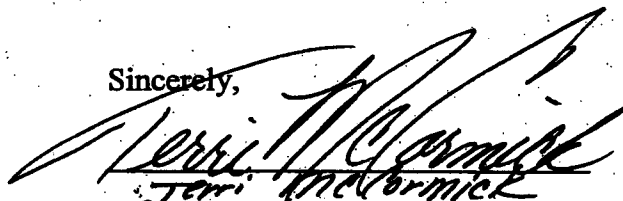
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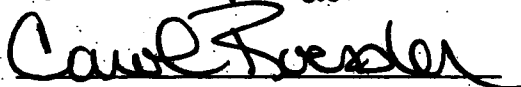
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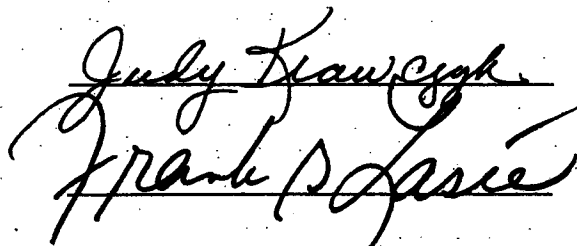

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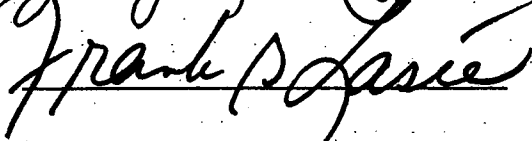

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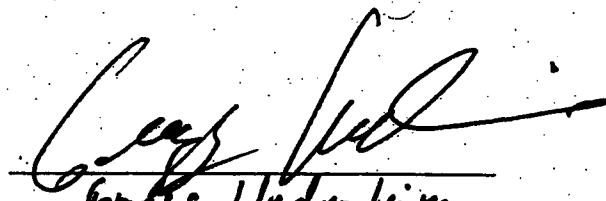
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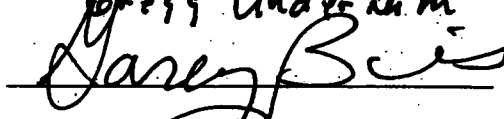

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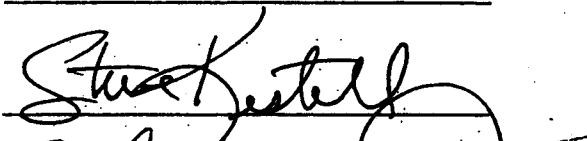

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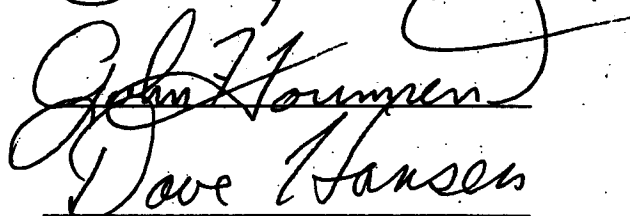

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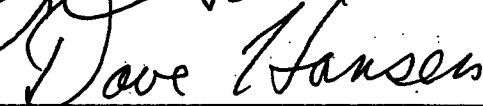

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